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SUBJ: 24TH COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT--YOUTH  
POLICIES AND PROGRAMS (ITEM 4)

1. SUMMARY: EIGHT DELS SPOKE ON THIS ISSUE. A MAJORITY WERE SUPPORTIVE OF YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN SOME ASPECT OF DEVELOPMENT ON EITHER THE REGIONAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. TH US WAS THE ONLY DEL WHICH GAVE FULL SUPPORT TO UN VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM ALTHOUGH MOST MEMBERS DID APPROVE THE SPECIAL VOLUNTARY FUND TO BE USED FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS. PART (C) OF THIS AGENDA ITEM (A COOPERATIVE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER FOR YOUTH) WAS ACCEPTED AS FEASIBLE MAINLY BY DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELS. END SUMMARY.

2. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION DIRECTOR HOWARD INTRODUCED THIS ITEM BY NOTING THAT THE GROUNDWORK OF THE PAST TEN YEARS IN THIS SECTOR SHOULD BE USED FOR PRACTICAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES. THE PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED SHOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. HE SAID THAT LACK OF EDUCATION PROHIBITS OR LIMITS OPPORTUNITIES IN SOME COUNTRIES; HOWEVER, IN OTHER COUNTRIES SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS HAVE INVOLVED YOUNG PEOPLE. THESE LATTER PROGRAMS SHOULD BE CONTINUED AND INFORMATION GAINED SHOULD BE EXCHANGED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWARD CITED THE SPECIAL VOLUNTARY FUND IN CONNECTION WITH THE UN VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM AS A STEP FURTHER IN SECURING YOUTH INVOLVEMENT. HE SAID THE FUND WOULD NOT

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CREATE A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE BUT PROVIDE SEED MONEY

FOR PROGRAMS AND TRAINING IN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

3. THE AUSTRIAN DEL WHILE ACCEPTING THE NEW YOUTH POLICIES AND THE SPECIAL FUND, OBJECTED TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC ADVISORY GROUP FOR A YOUTH DAY OR YEAR. THE DEL SUGGESTED THAT RESEARCH PROJECTS BE CONDUCTED A REGIONAL AND BILATERAL LEVELS. THE ROMANIAN DEL WAS ONE OF THE FEW REPS WHO CONTINUED TO PURSUE CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA FOR YOUTH AND MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE SPECIAL FUND OR THE UNV. THE UK DEL SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPECIAL FUND AND THAT MORE INFORMATION WAS NEEDED REGARDING THE UNV. HE REJECTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESEARCH CENTER. WITH CERNTERS IN INDIA, ZAMBIA AND GUYANA HE QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR ANOTHER SUCH INSTITUTION.

4. DWELLING ON A SUBJECT SUITABLE FOR UNICEF CONSIDERATION, THE CHILE DEL AGAIN FOCUSED ON THE YOUNG CHILE. HE ASKED THAT CURRENT DATA BE USED IN PLANNING PROGRAMS IN THE AREA OF NUTRITION AND EDUCATION. IN ADDITION HE RECOMMENDED THAT A SPECIAL ADVISORY GROUP ON YOUTH BE ESTABLISHED AND THAT YOUTH FORUMS BE HELD WHERE THE PROBLEMS OF YOUNG PEOPLE COULD BE DISCUSSED AND ANALYZED. THE THAI DEL SAID THAT THE UN MUST MAKE UP ITS MIND WHAT IT WANTS TO DO IN THE AREA OF YOUTH. BEFORE THIS DECISION COULD BE MADE HE RECOMMENDED THAT RESEARCH BE CONDUCTED TO FIND OUT WHAT PROGRAMS SHOULD BE INITIATED SINCE YOUTH COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED THE SAME WORLDWIDE. THE PROPOSED RESEARCH CENTER COULD BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE CONCLUDED BY WARNING MEMBERS OF CSD THAT YOUTH COULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE OR DESTRUCTIVE. MEXICO AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DELS CITED THE OPPORTUNITIES THEIR COUNTRIES OFFERED YOUTH AND THE ROLE WHICH THEY PLAY IN DEVELOPMENT.

5. NIGERIAN DEL COMPLAINED THAT NONE OF THE DELS EVER SPOKE ABOUT WEST AFRICA AND THE MANY ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED FOR YOUTH, I.E., EXCHANGES WITH FRENCH-SPEAKING NEIGHBORS. SHE SAID THAT ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE A DEFINITE YOUTH POLICY, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE VERY OFTEN ARE IN THE HIGHEST POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

6. THE US REP (PICKER) NOTED THAT OVER 34 DIFFERENT RESES CON-  
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CERNING YOUTH HAVE BEEN PASSED BY ONE OR ANOTHER BODY OF THE UN. SHE SAID THE PROBLEMS, ASPIRATIONS AND HOPES OF YOUTH HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED FOR MANY YEARS, AND THEIR ROLE IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED WITHOUT QUESTIONS. SHE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE US DEL CONCURRED WITH THE SYG'S PROPOSAL THAT THE UNV PROGRAM BE DESIGNATED BY ECOSOC AS THE PRINCIPAL OPERATIONAL UNIT WITHIN THE UN FOR EXECUTION OF YOUTH PROGRAMS THAT INVOLVE FIELD ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS AND THAT THE

UN SPECIAL FUND BE USED TO FINANCE UNV PROGRAMS.

7. THE USSR AND FRENCH DELS ALSO SUPPORTED THE SPECIAL VOLUNTARY  
FUND.

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